

Postal Stationery Notes

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DIAMOND JUBILEE POST CARDS

Canada Post has brought us an overwhelming number of new issues for 2012, beginning with the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Issues. These souvenir folders, 6 in all, one for each decade of Queen Elizabeth's reign, each include a very nice postal stationery card – a desirable stamp-on-stamp card. Each illustrates the Elizabethan Stamps of the decade it commemorates. The hitch is that the card can only be bought as part of the souvenir folder. So to obtain them, you must also buy the complete folder, (for \$5.95 each) which contains a mini-pane of four stamps, the postage-paid postcard depicting QEII II stamps issued in each 10-year period, and an 8-page booklet that recounts the milestones of that decade of the Queen's reign. They are mailable (unlike the souvenir envelopes which are printed precancelled), and they will no doubt be desirable postally used at some future date, so we recommend that you do order these from Antigonish, and make a point of arranging to acquire a used copy for your collection. Four of these folders have already been issued, Vol. 1 on January 16, Vol. 2 on February 6, Vol. 3 on March 6, and Vol. 4 on April 10, 2012, The other two are scheduled: Vol. 5 on May 7, and Vol. 6 on June 1, 2012.



Fig. 1a: Jubilee postal cards. More pictures on page 2

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UNANNOUNCED ENVELOPES!

One new envelope issue from Canada Post is easy to miss. For the first time that we are aware of, the Baby Animal Note Card Set comes with preprinted stamped envelopes and is listed now under Postal Stationery on the CPC web site. If ordering by phone, the item number is #242868 – at \$14.95. They are attractive, and the stamps and card images replicate those from 2011 & this year. The set consists of 10 notecards and matching pre-stamped envelopes, which can be used to mail the notecards to anywhere within Canada. Canada Post indicates that each pack contains one notecard and envelope of each 8 Baby Wildlife stamp design plus two randomly selected Baby Wildlife designs, but we suggest to check your purchase, as like some of the other envelope sets, it has been reported that sometimes not all varieties are included. These are not the same as the #10 Animal envelopes (#111669), but are printed in a different size to match the cards. The cards are printed by Lowe-Martin, so it is pretty safe to assume that the envelopes are as well.

Whether Canada Post will continue to produce these notecard sets with pre-stamped envelopes remains to be seen. Until now, sets have often included matching stamps to apply to the envelopes, but it now appears that we will need to keep a close eye on such sets, as other unannounced stationery like this may occur.



Fig. 1b: Baby animal notecards. More pictures on page 3

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Fig 2: Stamp side of the first two Jubilee cards, from the 1st folder in front and the 2nd in back.



Fig 3: Jubilee card from the 3rd folder, Vol 3, issued in March. The Volume 4 card has already been issued, and two more folders & cards will follow.

BABY ANIMAL NOTECARDS AND ENVELOPES: January 16

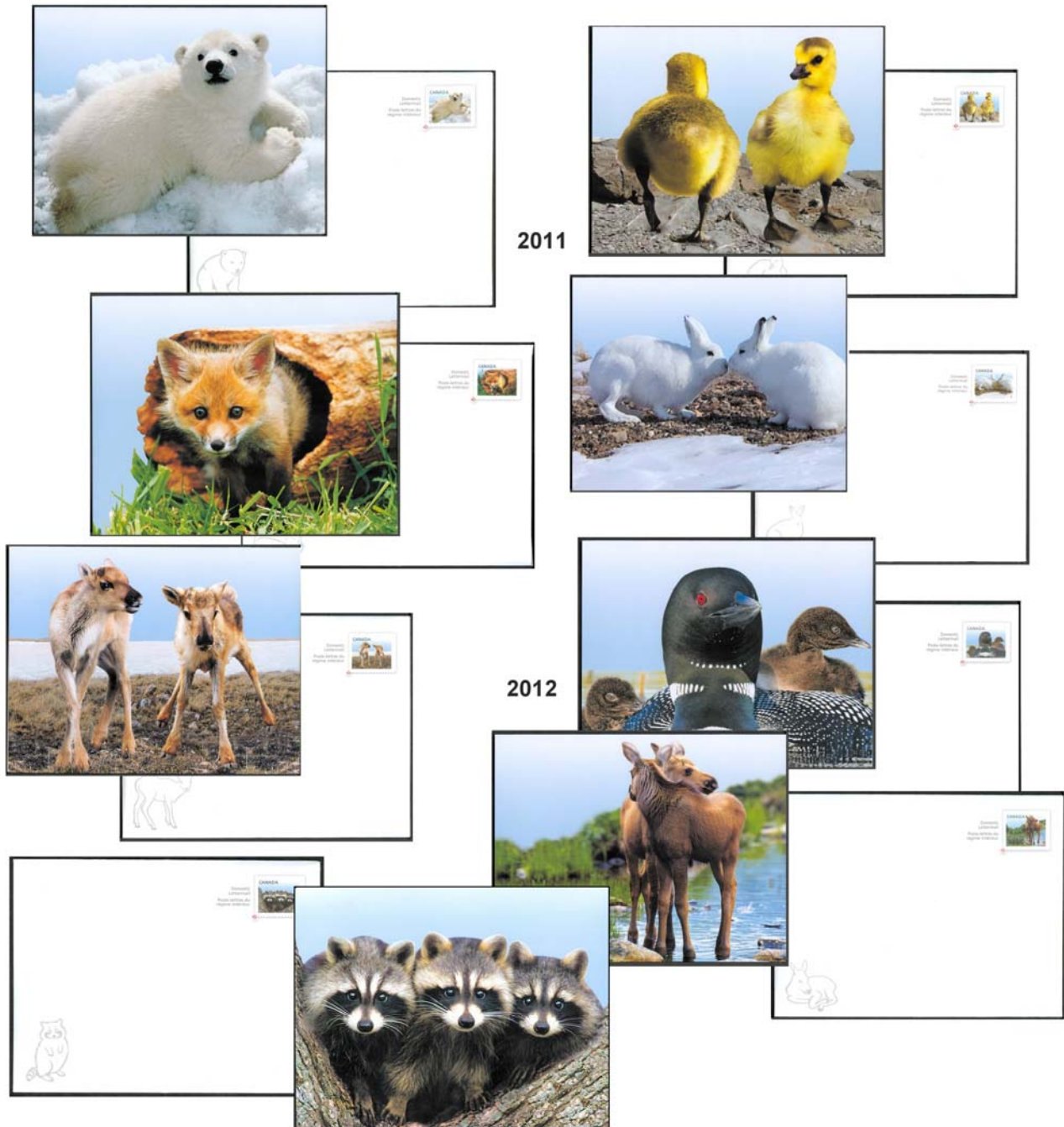


Fig. 4: All eight notecards, using images from the Baby Animal cards issued in 2011 and 2012 on view side, and for the stamp image. The envelopes are 145 x 111 mm side seam gummed. They have a gray outline of the animals on the lower front of the envelope and in a similar position on the inside and outside of the cards - see the Racoons card above. An image of the envelope and opened card is shown below.

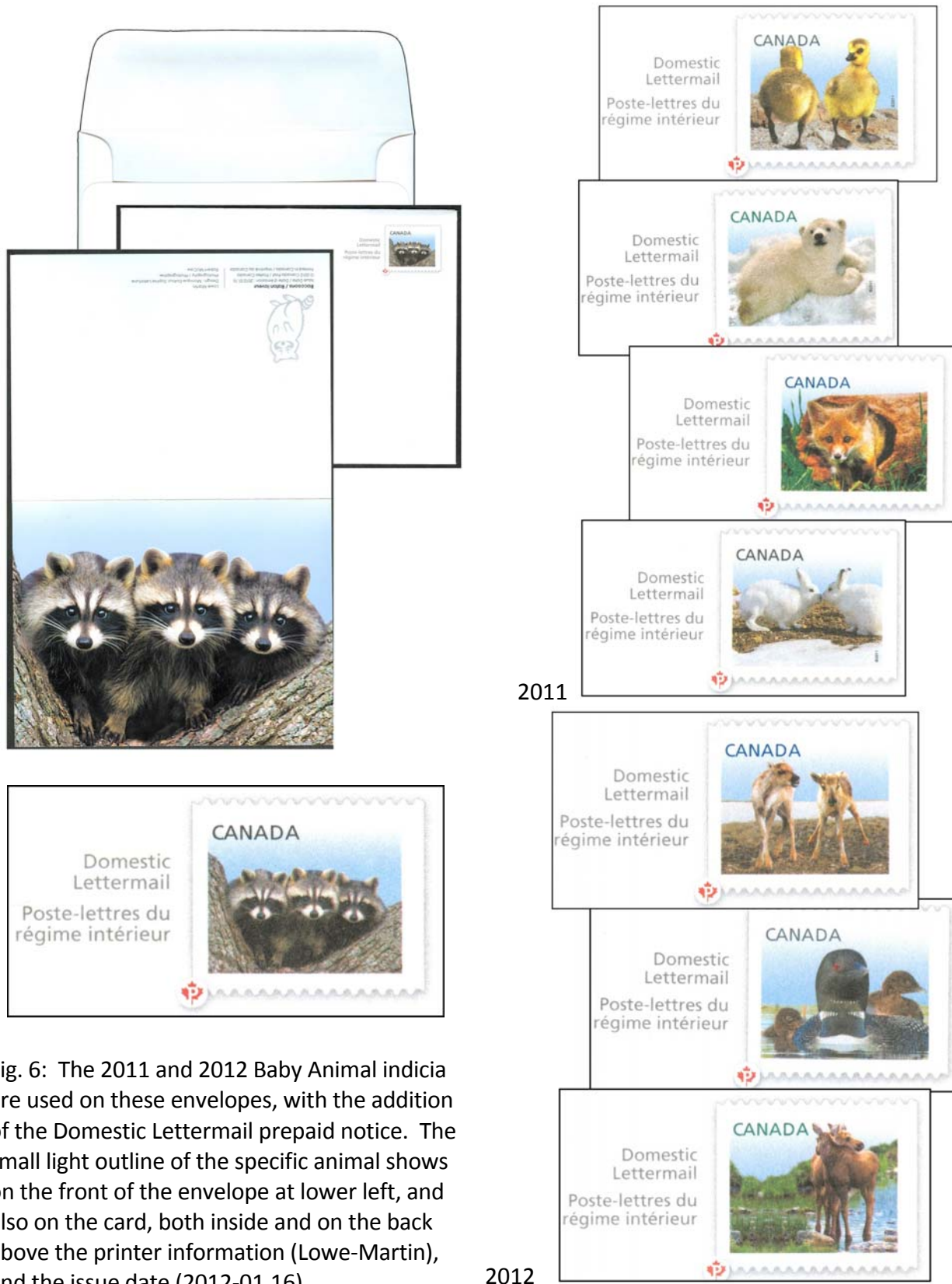
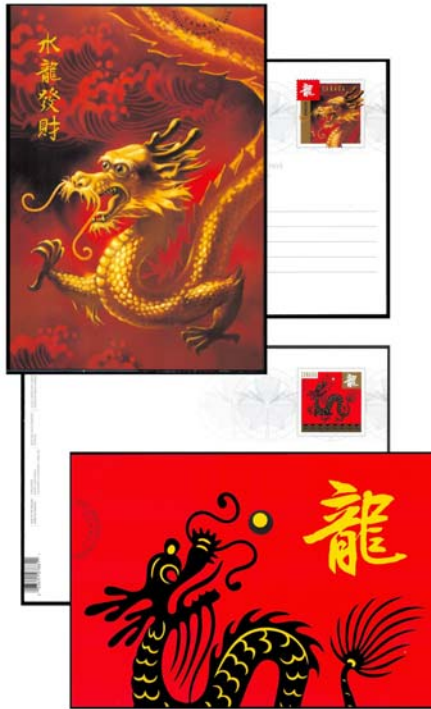


Fig. 6: The 2011 and 2012 Baby Animal indicia are used on these envelopes, with the addition of the Domestic Lettermail prepaid notice. The small light outline of the specific animal shows on the front of the envelope at lower left, and also on the card, both inside and on the back above the printer information (Lowe-Martin), and the issue date (2012-01.16).

YEAR OF THE DRAGON CARDS: January 10

Issued January 10, these two cards, one vertical and one horizontal, with matching international rate imprinted stamps, celebrate Chinese New Year and the Year of the Dragon. There is also a notecard set, but in this case, the cards come with adhesive stamps, not postal stationery envelopes as the Baby Animal cards.



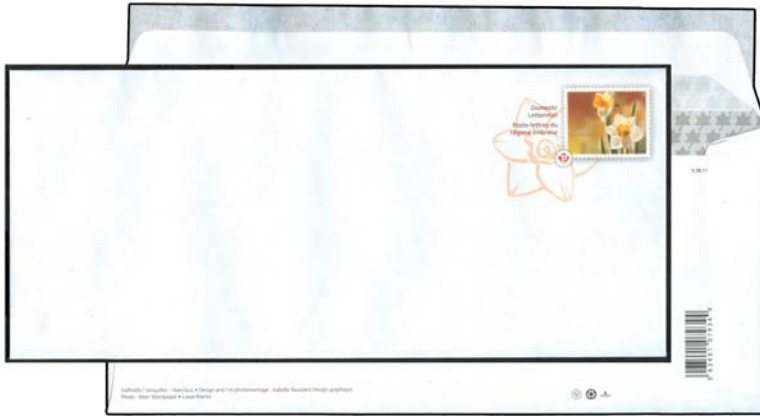
CANADIAN PRIDE FLAG CARDS: January 16

Stationery cards all featuring the flag: two sports cards, an Inuit child on Canada Day, a vintage van, and a Coast Guard cutter, the CCGS *Louis S. St-Laurent*, the largest vessel in the Canadian Coast Guard fleet. This year the Canadian Coast Guard celebrates its 50th anniversary. Issue date for these cards was January 16.



SET OF 10 FLOWER ENVELOPES: January 23

Canada Post continued to overwhelm us with new issues, which included the Jan 23 issue of envelopes, 10 Flowers and 10 Animals:



These 10 designs come in packets of 10 #10 envelopes. The envelopes are side-seamed and self-adhesive.

The Flower envelopes include 10 different:

- 2 daffodils, one yellow, and one yellow & white
- 2 violets, one red, one purple
- 2 peonies, one pink, one red
- 2 lilacs, one white, one lilac
- 2 rhododendrons, one white and one red

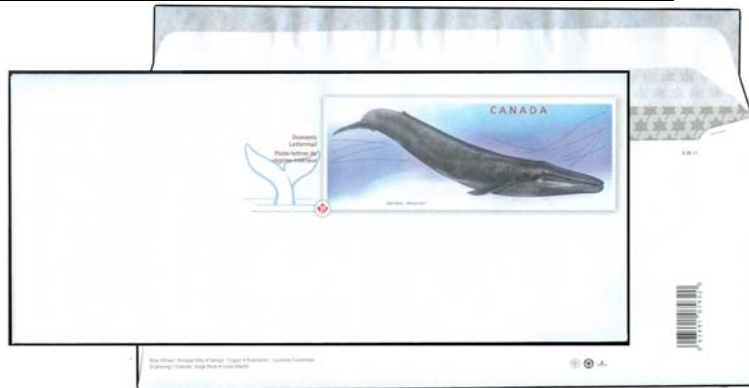
As always with packs, check to be sure you have one of each design, as some packets may include duplication and not the full set.

The imprinted domestic rate stamp includes a silhouette at lower left. There are 5 different silhouettes, matching the flowers above.

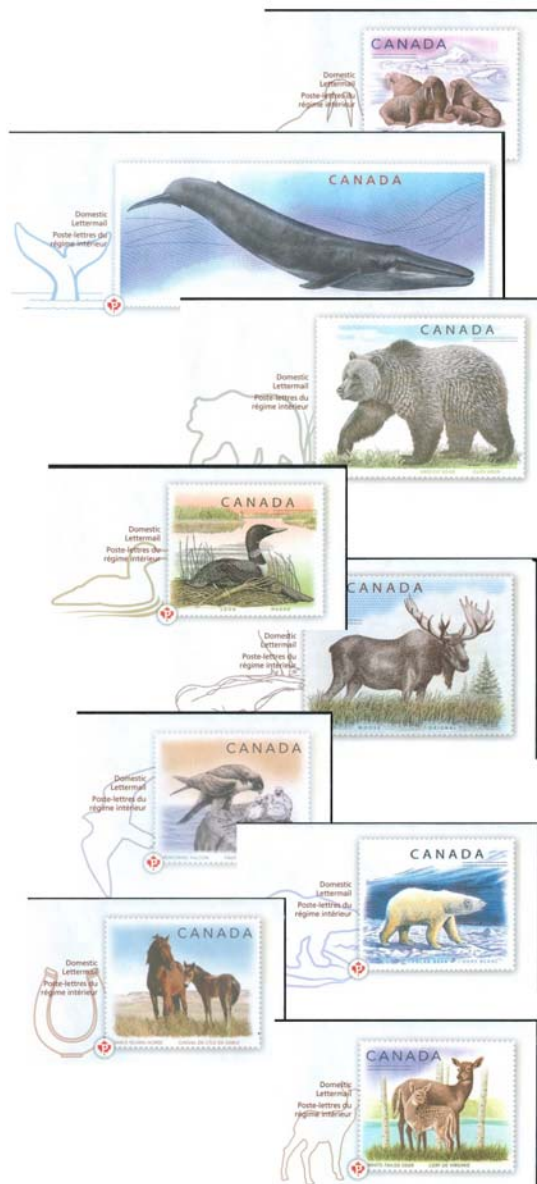
Example of the stamp and silhouette, enlarged.



SET OF 10 ANIMALS ENVELOPES: January 23



These 9 designs come in packets of 10 #10 envelopes, with one design repeating. Envelopes are side-seamed and self-adhesive.

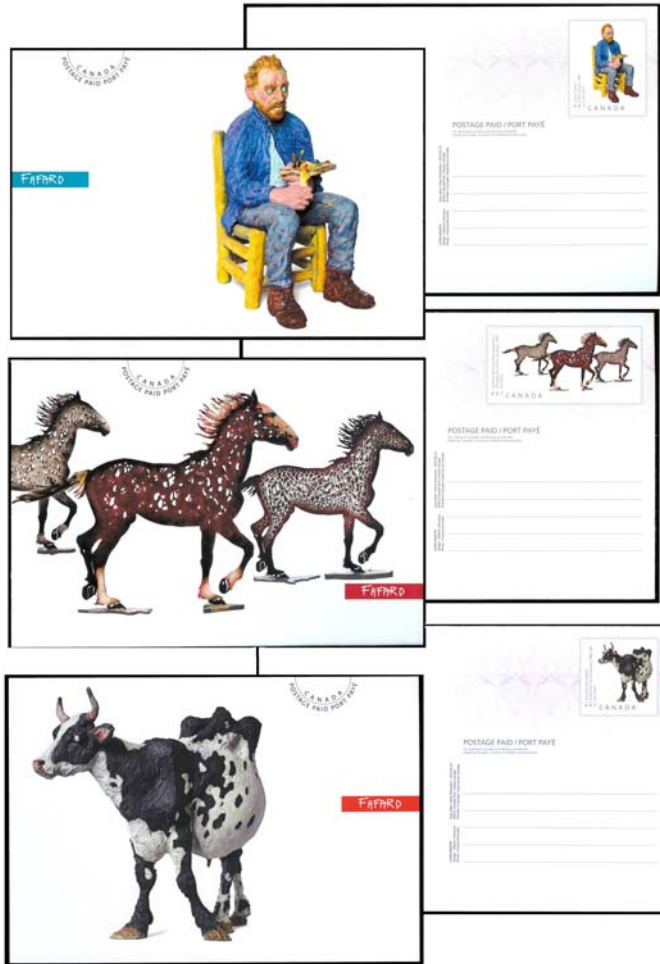


The original stamp issues these envelopes were based on were high value Canadian stamps. The Animal domestic rate envelopes include these 9 different designs:

- Atlantic Walrus
- Blue whale
- Grizzly Bear
- Loon
- Moose
- Peregrine Falcon
- Polar Bear
- Sable Island Horse
- White-tailed Deer

The size of the indicia in this set varies widely, with the whale being the largest. As always with packs, check to be sure you have one of each (and one duplicate) as sets have been received with more than one duplicate and not a full set. There is a different silhouette at left, one for each design.





ART CARDS: February 23

Reproducing 3 sculptures of Canadian artist Joe Fafard

- *Dear Vincent*, showing Vincent Van Gogh
 - *Capillery* (a maquette for Running Horses)
 - *Smoothly She Shifted*, a bovine sculpture
- While the stamp values were a US stamp (Vincent); a domestic value (Cow), and an international rate (Horses), the cards are all international rate (to anywhere) cards.

DAYLILIES March 1:

2 cards, yellow and orange, to anywhere.



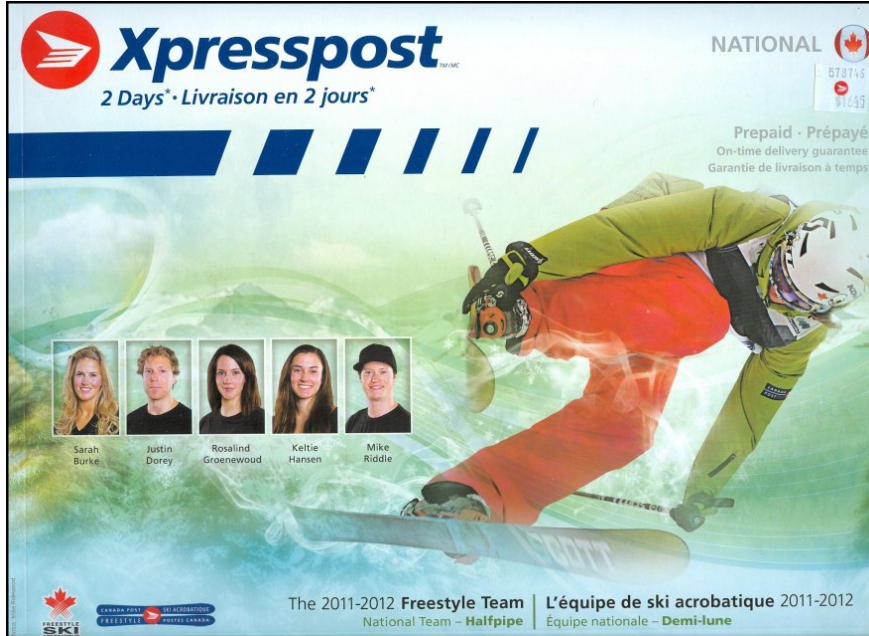
TITANIC 100TH ANNIVERSARY: Apr 5

3 international rate cards, a full view of the Titanic, a bow and a stern view. These latter actually reproduce the 4 stamps of the stamp block. Issued for the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic.





NEW XPRESSPOST ENVELOPE:



The National Xpresspost envelope, both regular and cushioned, shows images of the members of the National Freestyle Team in the Half-Pipe category, including Sarah Burke, a skier with remarkable promise. She died recently after injuries suffered in a training accident in Utah. Her accident on January 11 led to brain damage, and her death on January 19.

This envelope indicates design date of 11-09 and print date of 11-10, so it was done she died

VENTUREONE PRIVATE ORDER ENVELOPE IN FRENCH Pierre Gauthier:

Sure enough, the French version of the VentureOne envelope has surfaced – found by Pierre Gauthier (see our last issue, Vol 24, No. 6 for the same in an Anglophone version). The program in French is called Programme Entrepreneur, as shown in the French corner. The stamp indicium remains the same. Should other copies surface, contact Earle Covert at ecovert6@gmail.com.



Official private order envelope issued for VentureOne, a CPC enterprise, for mailing of Christmas greetings. This one is posted one day later than the English version previously shown.

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Since the last issue of PSN a few more “new” PCF cards have been reported (Robert Lemire), including one new view; all these new cards are Die IIIc.

PCF-T3H (borderless)

CB 023V (stamp impression at the bottom) CR 146 (borderless, SKU# and revised logo)
 LL 2684 NFLD 101 NS 173 PEI 075

Also, CR 2438, CR 291 (1 bar code), CR 291 (2 bar codes), PRA 005V and CR249 now are known both with the stamp impression (IIIc) at the same end of the card as the bottom of the image and at the opposite end of the card to the bottom of the image.

Details of the New View

The new view card is a 2-bar code type and has no printed SKU number.

<u>card #</u>	<u>view</u>	<u>bottom-left bar code</u>	<u>top-middle bar code</u>	<u>SKU#</u>
LL 2684	Lake Louise	73418 26958	64392 00409	none



PCF-T2H (with white border)

VAN118 (die IIIc no SKU#) previously known as VAN 118 die IIIc *with* a SKU#

Correction: NF143 IIIc (reported in the last issue of PSN) is a card with a border, not borderless

What's New in Postal Stationery

Envelopes (new printing date)

The #10 Fishing Fly envelopes with the 6.6.11 printing date now have been found.

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